

Presented 10/30
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TO THE
K I N G ' s Most Excellent
M A J E S T Y in COUNCIL,

The PETITION of the FREEHOLDERS
and INHABITANTS of the Province of *Pensylvania*.



Most humbly sheweth,

THAT great Obstructions to Your Majesty's Service, and Mischiefs to the said Province, have, during the two last Wars, been occasioned by a continual Disagreement between the Proprietaries of the Province, who are Governors of the same, and the Assemblies chosen annually by the People.

THAT the like Disagreements between the Proprietaries and People in all the other Colonies of *America* settled under Proprietary Governments, and like Mischiefs attending those Disagreements, have, in most of the said Colonies, occasioned a Surrender of the Powers of Government to the Crown, or a Resumption of the same by Your Majesty's Predecessors; only two Proprietary Governments now remaining in *America*.

THAT your Petitioners humbly conceive such mischievous Disagreements to proceed from the very Nature of Proprietary Governments;—the Multitude of Disputes arising between the Proprietaries and private Persons, concerning Matters of Property, naturally occasioning mutual Opinions of Injustice, and thence in the Proprietaries a Dislike of the People, and in the People a Want of Respect to the Proprietary Government;—while the Proprietaries Power, as Governors, of appointing Judges, during their Pleasure, to judge in their own as well as all other Causes, subjects them to Suspicion; and their making use of their Powers of Government, especially in Times of publick Distress, to enforce Claims of private Interest, renders their Government odious.

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THE Petitioners therefore, desirous of enjoying the Privileges granted them by Your Majesty's Predecessors, freed from the Inconveniencies which they conceive incident to Proprietary Governments, and which they have long laboured under; and earnestly wishing to partake of that Happiness and Security which they see all those Colonies around them enjoy, who are under Your Majesty's immediate Government, do humbly pray, that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to take the Government of this Province likewise into Your own Royal Hands, making the Proprietaries such equitable Compensation for the same, as to Your Majesty's Wisdom and Goodness shall seem meet.

AND the Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

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| Joseph Lovett | John Wharton | John Humphreys |
| John Lucken | Robt. Owen | Peter Preuve |
| Benj. Rawle | Jacob Cooper | Danl. Williams |
| Orville Eve | Sam. Burge | Edw. Tullet |
| Frederick Baker | Jacob Lewis | Stephen Shewe |
| John Ladd Howell | Jaas Paschall | Isaac Stretcher |
| James Hartley | Peter Long | Jonas Evans |
| James Chapman | Geo. Robotham | John Moyes |
| Sam. Sansom Junr | Alex. Allwine | Edw. Wharton |
| Sam. Shaw Jr. | James Carter | |

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| Thos. Field | John Stille | Chas. Norris |
| Thos. Tilbury | John Knocks | Sam. Leacock |
| Doughty Jones | John Bayly | Joseph Coleman |
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| And. York | Brian Wilkinson | Israel Morris junr |
| Will ^m . Dewes Junr | Edward Brinker | Junr |
| Thos. Potts | Edmund Beach | Morris Junr |
| Aug. Wright | Saml. Bonnell | Philip Kinsey |
| Peter Thomson | David Cauthorn | Joseph Herves |
| Robert Elton | John Elton | W. Richbourn |
| Nathan Lane | Joan Peters | In Ord |
| Jac. Hutchings | Wales Evans | William Sword |
| Laurence Price | John Drinki | Andrew Doz |
| Saml. Hastings | John White | Emanuel Rous |
| John Horrocks | Robert Black | Joseph White |
| William Wain | Jesseiah Smith | John Jones |
| Richard Wood | Thomas Smith | Edw. Campbell |
| Edward Yorke | Richard Wainman | John Goodwin |
| Joseph Hill | Rich. Swan | Alexander Fraser |
| Israel Caspell | Sam. Soumain | John Nixon |
| Bowyer Brooke | Robt. Wright | Edw. Evans |
| Nathaniel Brown | Saml. Davis | Edward Evans |
| James Cassett | John Ashmead | Daniel Robinson |
| Ellen Eltham | James Johnson | Thomas Evans |
| Saml. Carruthers | | Wm. Wood |
| John Carmalt | Geo. Roberts | Joseph Grayson |



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